

# **Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures**

## **Synopsis of Programs**

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### **2005 First Run Broadcast Show Descriptions and Schedule 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

**October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005**

#### **Monkeys and Manatees (2256)**

October 1, 2005

At Monkey River Village in Belize, Central America, Jack meets up with a local river guide named "Rambo" who delights in showing off a jungle that is inhabited by howler monkeys, crocodiles and tarantulas. Jack begins his adventure at Gales Point where researchers from the United States are continuing their study of the West Indian manatee.

#### **Hot and Cold (2266)**

October 8, 2005

In this adventure Jack visits animals that survive in the earth's temperature extremes. In frigid Antarctica Jack observes Gentoo Penguins, in the 100 plus degree heat of Namibia's Skeleton Coast Jack visits a large fur seal rookery, and in the Canadian summer Jack finds out what Polar Bears do before the ice flows return to Churchill.

#### **In the Navy (2267)**

October 15, 2005

In San Diego, Jack gets a rare look at the U.S. Navy's Marine Mammal Program. Among their important duties, dolphins and sea lions are trained to locate underwater mines and patrol seaports against terrorists.

#### **On with the Show (2268)**

October 22, 2005

At Sea World San Diego, Jack gets a back stage look at the new sea lion and otter show "Clyde and Seamore in Deep, Deep Trouble." During a break in rehearsal, Jack also visits with some walrus friends, "Caboodle" and "Tessa."

#### **Bite out of Crime (2269)**

October 29, 2005

Jack discovers first-hand in southern California, "bad guys" are no match for the Orange County Sheriff's Department's skilled K-9 unit. In a training session, the skilled police dogs are put to the test in a building search, a felony car stop and finding "Jack-in-the-box."

### **Kangaroo or Koala Island? (2270)**

November 5, 2005

In Australia, Jack learns of a dilemma on Kangaroo Island: it has too many koalas. The small island, south of the mainland, was so named because of its abundance of kangaroos, but Jack wonders if the island should be renamed. From the introduction of just 8 animals in the 1920's, the population of the loveable, tree dwelling marsupial has soared to more than 27,000.

### **Crocodylus, Kakadu and Hope (2271)**

November 12, 2005

After the capture of a big saltwater crocodile in Australia's Northern Territory, Jack collects plaque samples for an important research project. At Kakadu National Park, Jack catches up with a colorful but sacred grasshopper. Jack also meets two kids with amazing childhoods that include growing up around animals from Africa to Australia.

### **Cruis'n with Crocs (2272)**

November 19, 2005

On the Adelaide River in Australia's Northern Territory, Jack comes face-to-face with an 18-foot saltwater crocodile. From the world's largest reptile, Jack then turns his interest to the out of the water antics of a small fish, the mudskipper. Jack also catches a File snake and then pays a visit to the colorful proprietor of Goat Island.

### **Australia Quolling (2273)**

November 26, 2005

At Warrawong Earth Sanctuary near Adelaide, Jack learns about a breeding project for the endangered Australian quoll. Jack also searches for the elusive duck-billed platypus, an egg laying mammal. After hearing about a woman who rehabs injured kangaroos in her home, Jack pays a visit to the "Kangaroo Lady."

### **Ngorongoro Center (2251)**

December 3, 2005

With its enormous population of zebra and antelope, Jack discovers the crater is one of the world's most unique places for animal viewing. Known for elephants with some of the biggest tusks in Africa, Jack keeps his fingers crossed that he'll find a "Big Tusker". Kathaleen looks at the unusual role reversal in the crater between hyenas and lions.

### **Back to the Mara (2252)**

December 10, 2005

From his base at Kichwa Tembo, Jack surveys the Masai Mara, Kenya's premier wildlife habitat and home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on earth. And Jack discovers the Mara has some mighty big crocodiles too. Jack lifts off on an early morning balloon safari to check out the animals and the vast landscape.

**Little Seen Africa (2253)**

December 17, 2005

Jack takes a look at some of the African wildlife you don't commonly see such as the bush baby and the dik-dik, a tiny antelope. But most importantly, Jack learns about a conservation program to restore the Mountain Bongo population, now considered extinct on the forested slopes of Mt. Kenya. As Jack finds out at the Mt. Kenya Game Ranch, the Mountain Bongo, with its russet red fur, white stripes and ivory tipped horns, is one of the world's most beautiful antelope.

**Howling Success (2254)**

December 24, 2005

Jack journeys into the countryside west of Belize City to learn about the successful grass root efforts conserving two of Central America's signature animals: the black howler monkey and green iguana. After observing the inspiring work of "The Community Baboon Sanctuary" and the "Green Iguana Project," Jack is awed by thousands of Blue Morpho butterflies.

**Caves and Birds (2255)**

December 31, 2005

In Belize, Central America, Jack tubes his way into a cave where he encounters bats and spiders. He also travels by canoe to observe a nest of Jabiru Storks, one of the largest birds in the Americas. At Runaway Creek Reserve, Jack profiles the conservation research of a Wisconsin-based group, "Birds Without Borders."

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### ***2005 Second Run Broadcast Show Descriptions***

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

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#### **Thorny Devils, Camels and "Dinky" (2276)**

October 3, 2005

Jack journeys to the Outback of Central Australia to learn about desert reptiles including Thorny Devils, a Shingleback lizard and a Perentie, a large monitor lizard. After a camel safari, Jack stops by a roadhouse at Stuarts Well where he's entertained by "Dinky," the singing dingo.

#### **Turtle Time (2235)**

October 10, 2005

Jack travels to Florida's East Coast and the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, one of the world's most important nesting sites for sea turtles. Jack's first-hand account, late at night on an Atlantic shoreline, includes an up-close look at three turtle species, including Green, Loggerhead and a rare 700 pound Leatherback. Jack also aids a stranded pygmy whale and visits Pelican Island, the nation's first wildlife refuge.

#### **Race for Survival (2236)**

October 17, 2005

Jack journeys to Namibia in southern Africa to meet Laurie Marker, a dedicated American who is determined to save the endangered cheetah. The aim of the Cheetah Conservation Fund is to better educate farmers who consider the speedy predator a threat to livestock. As an alternative to shooting cheetah, one of CCF's successful projects provides farmers with livestock guarding dogs. Jack also watches the world's fastest land mammal run at top speed.

#### **Mala Mala (2237)**

October 24, 2005

On safari at South Africa's Mala Mala Game Reserve, Jack follows massive herds of elephant and Cape buffalo to the refreshing Sand River. At night, Jack is also entertained by the antics of two sub-adult leopards playing in Mala Mala's oldest and tallest tree. The Mala Mala area, in the eastern part of South Africa, has the greatest diversification of animal species on the continent.

**Phinda: Dry as a Bone (2238)**

October 31, 2005

In South Africa's Zululand, Jack finds the safari camp at Phinda is dealing with months of drought. However, the adverse weather conditions make for some interesting game viewing since fewer available water holes attract a greater concentration of animals. Jack also follows a lion pride, track a leopard, and observes a cheetah family consume its prey.

**Ngala (2239)**

November 7, 2005

Jack gets a close look at the natural behaviors of an active hyena den tunneled under a large termite mound. On a walking safari, Jack keeps pace with a white rhino. Also on this South African adventure, Jack is captivated by two playful leopards climbing trees. The Ngala Camp Choir entertains with traditional African music.

**Skeleton Coast (2240)**

November 14, 2005

In the African country of Namibia, Jack and daughter Kathaleen experience animal life along the Skeleton Coast, one of the most desolate places on earth. In search of desert dwelling elephants, the Hanna's encounter springbok, Oryx, black-back jackals and fur seals. Masterful guide Chris Bakkes is one-of-a-kind and Kathaleen visits a Himba village.

**Reptile City (2241)**

November 21, 2005

At Richard's Bay, north of Durban, South Africa Jack makes a hair-raising visit to Reptile City Where he Survives close encounters with black mambas, Mozambique spitting cobras and a Nile Crocodile. From a boat on the nearby St. Lucia Estuary, Jack and Kathaleen observe the behaviors of hippos.

**Rhino Capture (2242)**

November 28, 2005

In South Africa, redistributing wildlife to areas without animals has proven to be an effective conservation tool. As Jack found out in Zululand, the safe relocation of rhino has evolved into a science, if not an art form. But at the same time, capturing a wild rhino can still provide plenty of excitement. Jack also has fun visiting the Duma Zulu cultural village.

**Vullies, Wild Dogs and Cheetah (2243)**

December 5, 2005

Jack learns first-hand about one woman's' dedication to save from extinction Namibia's most endangered species, the Cape Griffon vulture. In South Africa, Jack finds himself in the middle of a pack of wild dogs, considered to be the most endangered carnivore in the world. At the Hoedspruit Cheetah Center, Jack exercises some playful cubs.

**Backyard Habitat (2244)**

December 12, 2005

With so much natural habitat being lost to growth and development, Jack looks into ways to help creatures of all kinds survive. Jack learns, no matter where you live, you can create a natural haven for animals in your own backyard. Featured: a San Diego elementary school science club dedicated to the restoration of a once-polluted creek for the benefit of wildlife.

**Sweetwater Sanctuary (2245)**

December 19, 2005

In East Africa, Jack visits a sanctuary for orphaned and abused chimpanzees. Though chimps are not indigenous to Kenya, this fortunate group of primates lives along a protected riverbank at the Sweetwater Sanctuary.

**Laikipia Predator Project (2246)**

December 26, 2005

In the Laikipia District of Kenya, Jack finds out about a conservation project aimed at reducing the number of lions, leopards and hyenas killed by livestock owners. Instead of killing predators, researcher Laurence Frank is urging ranchers and villagers to improve their methods of protecting cattle and goats. Jack is accompanied by Sea World and Busch Gardens Animal Ambassador Julie Scardina.